

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11 and 12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 9 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. The title has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation. No new matter has been added.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-8, 11 and 12.

II. Objection to the Title

The Office Action objects to the title as allegedly failing to be descriptive. The title has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,825,960 (hereinafter "Curtis") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,853,915 (hereinafter "Takasago").

Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled thereby rendering the rejection with respect to these claims moot.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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